

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: By Chairman Dennis Himmelberger, on February 1, 2007 at 8:00 A.M., in Room 455 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Dennis Himmelberger, Chairman (R)
Rep. Duane Ankney, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Hal Jacobson, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Debby Barrett (R)
Rep. Gary Branae (D)
Rep. Mary Caferro (D)
Rep. Sue Dickenson (D)
Rep. Gordon R. Hendrick (R)
Rep. Teresa K. Henry (D)
Rep. Pat Ingraham (R)
Rep. William J. Jones (R)
Rep. Bruce Malcolm (R)
Rep. Alan Olson (R)
Rep. Mike Phillips (D)
Rep. Scott Sales (R)
Rep. Veronica Small-Eastman (D)
Rep. Franke Wilmer (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Walter McNutt

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Dee Barfknecht, Committee Secretary
Sheri Heffelfinger, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing: HB 442, HB 457
Executive Action: HB 369, HB 485

HEARING ON HB 442

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:59 Rep. Mike Phillips (D), HD 66, opened the hearing on HB 442, Legislative review of fiscal note accuracy.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:12:40 Rep. Barrett
00:13:24 Rep. Phillips
00:13:35 Rep. Barrett
00:13:45 Chairman Himmelberger
00:13:57 Rep. Phillips
00:14:05 Rep. Wilmer
00:14:31 Rep. Phillips
00:15:49 Rep. Caferro
00:16:18 Rep. Phillips
00:16:43 Rep. Caferro
00:16:52 Rep. Phillips
00:17:32 Rep. Jones
00:18:37 Rep. Phillips
00:19:01 Rep. Branae
00:19:31 Rep. Phillips
00:20:20 Rep. Barrett
00:20:45 Sheri Heffelfinger
00:21:13 Rep. Barrett
00:21:31 Ms. Heffelfinger
00:21:54 Rep. Malcolm
00:22:51 Rep. Phillips
00:25:03 Chairman Himmelberger
00:26:03 Rep. Phillips
00:26:14 Rep. Barrett
00:26:49 Chairman Himmelberger

Closing by Sponsor:

00:27:28 Rep. Phillips

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 369

00:28:53 **Motion:** Rep. Ingraham moved that **HB 369 DO PASS.**

00:29:19 **Motion:** Rep. Jacobson made a motion that **HB 369 BE AMENDED BY CONCEPTUAL AMENDMENT**, "The effective date of the bill is 07/01/07."

Discussion:

00:29:14 Ms. Heffelfinger
00:30:37 Chairman Himmelberger
00:30:50 Rep. Henry

00:31:07 **Vote:** Motion that **HB 369 BE AMENDED BY CONCEPTUAL AMENDMENT**, carried unanimously by voice vote, 18-0. Reps. Olson and McNutt voted by proxy.

00:31:56 **Motion:** Rep. Ankney moved that **HB 369 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

00:32:15 Rep. Wilmer
00:33:10 Rep. Ingraham
00:33:41 Rep. Barrett
00:35:21 Rep. Sales
00:36:47 Rep. Wilmer
00:37:51 Chairman Himmelberger
00:38:09 Rep. Wilmer
00:38:26 Rep. Phillips
00:39:08 Rep. Barrett

00:39:40 **Vote:** Motion that **HB 369 DO PASS AS AMENDED** carried by roll call vote, 17-1. Rep. Sales voted no. Reps. Olson and McNutt voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 485

00:41:04 **Motion:** Rep. Dickenson moved that **HB 485 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:41:19 Rep. Henry
00:43:02 Rep. Dickenson
00:43:16 Ms. Heffelfinger

00:43:36 Chairman Himmelberger
00:43:46 Rep. Dickenson withdrew the motion that HB 485 do pass.

00:44:16 Recess
01:00:39 Reconvene

HEARING ON HB 457

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:00:54 Rep. Alan Olson (R), HD 45, opened the hearing on HB 457, Require county commissioners to be elected by district electors.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:05:03 Dustin Stewart, Montana Home Builder's Association

Opponents' Testimony:

01:08:42 James Reno, Yellowstone County Commissioner
01:10:08 Carl Seilstad, Fergus County Commissioner
01:12:13 Cynthia Johnson, Pondera County Commissioner
01:13:47 Sheryl Wood, Associate Director, Montana Association of Counties

Informational Testimony:

01:15:37 Gordon Morris, Former Executive Director of the Montana Association of Counties

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:16:55 Rep. Dickenson
01:17:48 Mr. Morris
01:19:20 Rep. Dickenson
01:19:38 Mr. Morris
01:20:21 Rep. Hendrick
01:20:40 Mr. Morris
01:21:39 Rep. Caferro
01:22:08 Mr. Morris
01:22:55 Rep. Caferro
01:23:09 Mr. Morris
01:24:04 Rep. Caferro
01:24:38 Mr. Morris
01:25:21 Rep. Caferro

01:25:49 Ms. Johnson
01:27:34 Rep. Caferro
01:28:20 Mr. Stewart
01:29:34 Rep. Ankney
01:29:55 Mr. Morris
01:30:59 Rep. Ankney
01:31:24 Mr. Reno
01:31:29 Rep. Hendrick
01:33:05 Mr. Morris
01:34:48 Rep. Hendrick
01:35:15 Mr. Morris
01:35:30 Rep. Wilmer
01:36:47 Mr. Stewart
01:37:33 Rep. Jones
01:38:20 Mr. Seilstad
01:39:04 Rep. Phillips
01:39:40 Mr. Reno
01:39:45 Rep. Barrett
01:40:30 Mr. Reno
01:41:54 Rep. Barrett
01:42:26 Mr. Morris
01:43:36 Chairman Himmelberger
01:44:16 Rep. Olson
01:45:11 Chairman Himmelberger
01:45:25 Rep. Olson
01:46:07 Chairman Himmelberger
01:46:34 Ms. Wood
01:46:48 Chairman Himmelberger
01:47:12 Mr. Reno
01:48:00 Rep. Barrett
01:48:20 Mr. Reno
01:48:40 Rep. Wilmer
01:49:04 Ms. Wood

Closing by Sponsor:

01:49:16 Rep. Olson

ADJOURNMENT

01:55:00 Adjournment

REP. DENNIS HIMMELBERGER, Chairman

DEE BARFKNECHT, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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